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“A Few Thoughts On.....”

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Sunday Morning

8:00 Worship—Chapel
10:00 Worship—Sanctuary
10:15 Sunday School
11:00 Coffee & Fellowship

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Dear Friends,

At Christmas, when we talk about the incarnation, we often come across John 1:18, “No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.” It is a simple and clear reminder that a core aspect of the incarnation was that Jesus, in his person and ministry, was a window into the heart and character of God. In the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus, we were given a reflection of the Divine reality. In Jesus, we saw just a glimpse of who and what God is – which is precisely what we will be exploring throughout Lent this year.

God is Grace...God is Peace..God is Strength...the list goes on. Beginning with an introductory sermon on March 3, and carrying from Ash Wednesday on March 6 through Easter morning, our worship life will walk us through these characteristics of God that were revealed in the life and ministry of Jesus. As we explore the nature of God through the window of the person of Jesus, however, we are going to take it one step further.

Jesus commissioned his disciples to go out and minister in his name. Paul named the Church as the body of Christ – the ongoing presence of the life and ministry of Jesus in this world. So, if we are going to talk about the nature of God that was revealed in the person of Jesus, we are also going to need to spend some time exploring how we might do that ourselves – and yes, some time actually doing it!

- ❖ When we talk about God as peace, there will be both physical and digital opportunities to share quotes and thoughts about the meaning of peace – as well as thoughts and ideas about how to live it out.
- ❖ When we talk about God as Strength, we will decorate small crosses and write notes of care and prayer that our Hosanna team will take with them on the mission trip in June.

Passing it on cont...

- ❖ When we talk about God as Mercy, we will gather for a Reconciliation Worship during which time we will embrace the mercy we know in God and thoughtfully consider those places we might need to offer the same to others.
- ❖ We will have gatherings to hear about mission work by our own members, hear about local missions and work on projects to their benefit.
- ❖ And, throughout the season, there will be weekly Bible studies on Wednesday nights and Thursday mornings in which we will explore, together, the central passage of Scripture for the upcoming Sunday.

For the next 2 months, we will find ourselves engaged in the theme, “Pass it on.” What we learn of God in the person and ministry of Jesus, we pass on in the very life and ministry we embrace today. I hope you will join us taking the time to be a part of some of the unique opportunities that are outlined for this Lenten season, and I look forward to exploring, together, the nature of God that was revealed in Jesus and lives through us today.

Your Pastor and Friend, ***Marty***

Mark your calendars for **March 6**, and join us for our annual **Ash Wednesday worship service at 7pm**. This deeply meaningful service helps us set our sites on the Lenten season that is before us. Then, start watching the North Shore News and upcoming worship announcements for more details on a number of special events and programs that will run through the weeks of Lent.



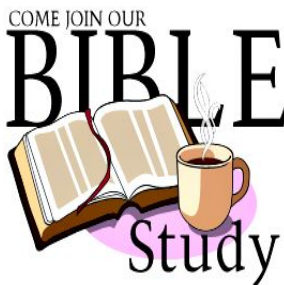
ASH WEDNESDAY

EDUCATION AND FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES



Poems of the Heart snow date - all are invited to Friendship Lounge on **Tuesday, March 12, from 10-11am** for sweets and poetry readings. Bring a poem you enjoy, or have written, or come simply to listen.

During March, we continue our intriguing, deepening, and laughter filled conversation with Frederick Buechner's **Wishful Thinking: A Seeker's ABC's**. Join us on **Tuesdays in Friendship lounge** between 10-11am. Contact Rev. Julie for more information.



Lenten Series...

During Lent (**March 7 – April 18**) we are focusing our Bible studies, sermons, and experiential offerings on expressions of God's character as known through Jesus. **God is: Grace, Peace, Strength, Mercy, Hope, Compassion, King, and Life.** Come and engage with us for some or all of these discussions, as well as considering how we live these characteristics out in our lives.

We hope to gather an evening opportunity for study beginning the week of March 11, but we are still working out kinks in the schedule. Stay tuned to upcoming orders of worship and email for specifics.

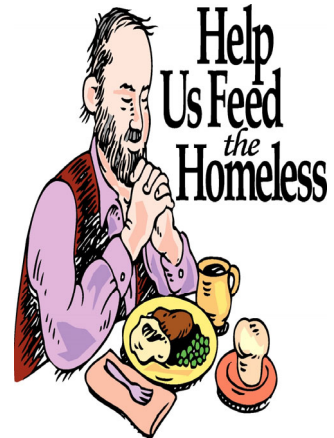
The Thursday morning studies will meet on Thursdays in Friendship Lounge between 9:30 and 11:00am.

If you have any questions or thoughts about Bible studies and book groups, please contact Rev. Julie Sheridan-Smith at 414-588-8693 or juliesmith@northshorecongl.org.

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Repairers of the Breach Lunch Making - March 3 come to Friendship Lounge between 9 and 10am. Make peanut butter sandwiches, or prep bags of carrots, pretzels, and cookies, or stuff lunch bags with water bottles and apples in order to provide 75 bag lunches for Repairers of the Breach daytime homeless shelter. Children and adults of all ages work together.

Wondering about other ways to help? Contact Mary Kramer or Jane Ford to donate supplies (bread, peanut butter, jelly, waters, desserts, carrots) or drive the lunches to the Repairers site on Monday morning. Janer1975@gmail.com or mewkramer@sbcglobal.net Thank you!



Knitters and prayers unite! The Health Committee needs more **prayer shawls**. This is a wonderful and clearly welcome ministry that brings a touch of love from the church to friends and members during difficult times. Knit and crochet patterns are available below the bulletin board in the hall, or check with Rev. Julie or Pat Jipson if you have questions.



LOAVES AND FISHES

March 19, 2019

CASSEROLES

DESSERTS

Miller	Dowsett
Middle Schoolers	Hadcock
Middle Schoolers	Holmes
Ritke	Lemorande
Scharnweber/ Schimpf	Papineau
Tornetta	Schimpf
Enea	Sweet
_____	Callaway
_____	Zimmer
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_____	Weber
_____	Wink



MAN DOES NOT LIVE ON
BREAD ALONE BUT ON
EVERY WORD THAT COMES FROM
THE MOUTH OF THE LORD.
DEUTERONOMY 8:3

DRIVERS

Middle Schoolers	Middle Schoolers	<i>Osborne (If Needed)</i>
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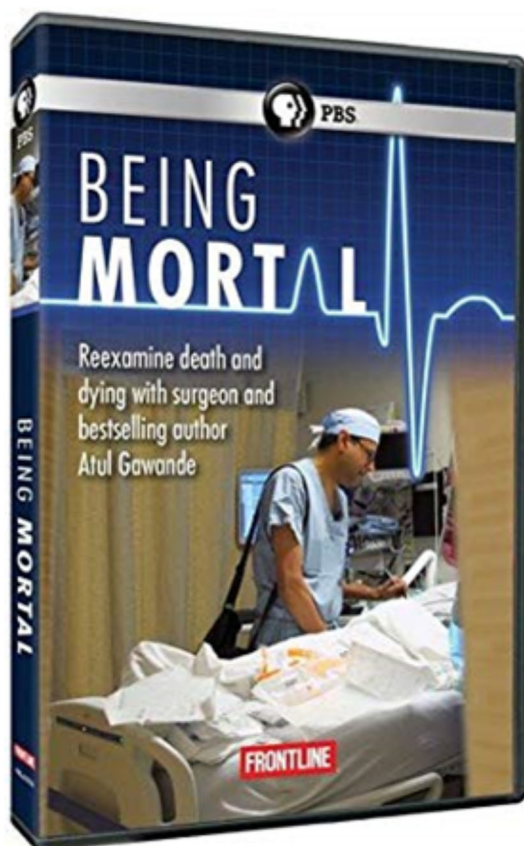
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HEALTH COMMITTEE

“BEING MORTAL”

The Health Committee invites you:

Plan to stay after worship on Sunday, **March 17**, for a **light lunch and viewing of “Being**



Mortal,” the film based on the book by Atul Gawande in which he explores the dilemmas medical procedures can present as individuals have age related frailty, serious illness and are approaching death. It is also a call for a change in the philosophy of health care. Gawande writes that members of the medical profession, himself included, have been wrong about what their job is. Rather than ensuring health and survival, it is “to enable well-being.”

By using actual patient and physician accounts, he shares with the viewer a sense of exactly what he means. In a society that values independence, what happens when that is no longer possible? We need to reckon with the reality of the body’s eventual decline, he argues, think about what matters most to us, and adapt our society and medical profession to help people achieve that.

The film/dvd runs 60 minutes and the light lunch will be served during the movie. In keeping with the date, March 17, expect a lunch with a nod to the Irish in all of us. The topic of this film often sparks a need for additional discussion. We’ll provide the opportunity to arrange further discussion at another date. Gather after worship in Fellowship Hall. If you’re interested in reading

the book, there is a copy in the church library. Additionally, both the DVD and the book are available in many local libraries.

2019 HOSANNA MISSION TRIP



Are you ready to Take care of God's business this year by being a part of the Hosanna Mission Team?

Before you answer that question, please read this Common Application Essay submitted to the University of Wisconsin by high school senior Lindsey Schimpf...by the way, there was no coaching from Mom or Dad on this!

The sun is beating down on my face. Sweat is trickling down my back. My lower half is dragging me down from the weight of jeans and heavy work boots. My lips thirst for a refreshing swig of ice cold water straight from my jug. I am fatigued, and thinking about the long nap I will be taking on the trek back to the dormitory. But thinking of these circumstances brings a smile to my face because in the end, all of the hard work pays off. Mission trips are an aspect of my life that holds great value due to the power of strengthening faith and friendships, learning experiences, and bringing more meaning into my life.

Hosanna Industries is the heart of what makes each mission trip run smoothly. Hosanna Industries is a non-profit organization stationed in Rochester, Pennsylvania. Their mission statement is that "when every family lives in dignity, every roof is tight, and every furnace burns safely; when no one goes to sleep cold or hungry or scared; when every child has a yard and a kitchen and a bed- then we'll put down our hammers and demonstrate our faith in some other way. Until then, the green trucks are heading down the road to the next project." The first mission trip I went on was in 2012 with my church, and I had no clue what to expect. The end result: I loved the trip, and I have been going every year since. Each trip allows me to establish a powerful rapport with everyone involved including the workers, youth from churches around the Ozaukee area, older people apart of the congregation, and even God. Going through extensive laborious work and traveling over 15 hours in many 12- passenger vans never fails to be the highlight of my summer.

At Hosanna Industries, the workers put great emphasis on the three S's, which are a glorified set of rules they teach volunteers in order to have the most successful work sites possible. The first S is safety. This primary S is very straight-forward, for everything that is done on a work site has to be a safe environment void of any possible danger. For example, if a person is carrying a two-by-four, it is necessary to make sure that nobody is going to get whacked by the piece of wood. Also, every ladder must have someone standing at the feet in case of the occurrence of an accident. The next S is sensitivity. The projects that Hosanna work on are for people of the lower class who

either cannot afford getting their house fixed and/or are physically unable to do so; therefore, through the second S the workers inform volunteers to be careful of what they say while being on the worksite. Because volunteers often come from backgrounds where the problem of being unable to fix their house are out of the picture, it is important that volunteers are aware of their surroundings and to see what problems other people actually face in the real world. This is to prevent a situation in which a volunteer would negatively describe the condition of a house right in front of the homeowner who had been living in that situation for several years. The last S is spirit. Of course it is necessary to obtain spirit on a mission trip! Volunteers are told to be positive and reflect the spirit of the Lord; we are doing God's work. Everything is to be held in a fruitful manner with energy and gusto. Knowing the specifics of the three S's, these rules affect me outside of the mission trip. Safety is always a given in life: never run with scissors, always buckle your seatbelt, ect. However, sensitivity and spirit have stuck with me the most. Seeing people from Pennsylvania and West Virginia struggle and ask for the help of Hosanna has made me reflect on my own life. Everyday people around me have their own baggage that is not visible to the eye. People around me are in dire need of a helping hand. Knowing this, it is a goal of mine to lead a life with sensitivity because it is the least I can do for people around me wrestling with their problems. In addition, due to these mission trips, I believe to live a better more fulfilling life I must have spirit. With a strong spirit, everything comes easy and feels more complete, so personally I aim to do so.

On top of applying key characteristics into my real life, mission trips reveal aspects about myself that I would not have known before. In the past seventeen years of my life, I have gotten a good idea of who I am as a person. However, whenever I am asked what I want to do in my life, I freeze up. Thinking back on my mission trips, I have an idea of the direction I want to go in. The service of working with Hosanna is just amazing; therefore, I know I want to help others when I grow up. The satisfaction of serving other people is indescribable, and I am very passionate about it. Nothing would make me happier and more fulfilled to help those in need. Hosanna has also allowed me to get out of my comfort zone. Before my first trip to Pennsylvania, I had never been involved in siding a house, insulating a basement, or even chopping down and dragging trees three times my height. Nonetheless, I went and experienced countless means of hard labor. If I was never put in those situations, I would never have found what I truly enjoy. Taking a step back, I realize that it takes hard work, no matter what the form, in order to obtain a end result that you are proud of. All in all, Hosanna has pushed me in the direction of the person I want to become in the future.

What are you doing June 22-28? If you are interested on being part of the Kitchen Team or the Mission Team please contact David Schimpf at 262-707-5224 or dschimpf@wi.rr.com. Teams need to be set by **March 31!** If you can't make the trip, please continue to pray for the efforts of those serving at Hosanna Industries.

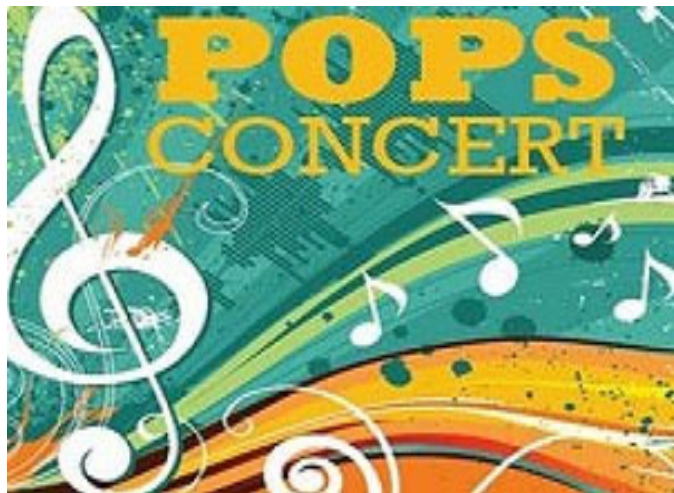
FELLOWSHIP



Lace your skates and head on over to roller skate, **March 24**, at **Ozaukee Skateland** from 1-3:30 pm. Costs: \$7.00 admission, \$2.00 family skate rental, \$4.00 regular skate rental. All ages welcome! Contact Sharon Hall with questions at disneyfamily01@gmail.com

NEWS FLASH...North Shore Choir Does POPS Concert!

Rick's plan to show another side of our choir's talents and propensity for fun will be presented after worship Sunday, **March 3**, in Fellowship Hall. A lunch will be served by the Fellowship Committee, after which you will be entertained by a mix of music selections in a variety of formats. From a pop musical standard; on to a 60's vibe; a barbershop quartet; a bit of Bacharach; and throwing in ABBA for good measure. And did I hear something sounding amazingly like...a tuba? Does this sound a bit crazy or crazy fun? Definitely something for everyone. It's sure to be the talk of the North Shore! **DON'T MISS IT!**



LYDIA CIRCLE

On March 25, Join with Lydia Circle as we visit the Emile H. Mathis Gallery at UWM, 32030 N. Downer Ave. Those who choose, can carpool from church, leaving at 10am, planning on meeting at the gallery at 10:30am. There is no charge for admission. In addition to their regular collection, there are 2 special exhibits on display:



Distorted Norms:

German Expressionist Prints and the Legacy of the Early German Masters February 28 - April 4

Free

Please join the Department of Art History for the opening of Graduate Student Youngchul Shin's Thesis Exhibition. *Distorted Norms: German Expressionist Prints and the Legacy of the Early German Masters* explores the legacy of early German printmaking among German Expressionist artists.

And

Face. Off. Faceoff:

Mapping African Representations in Western Art Museums February 28 - April 4

Free

Please join the Department of Art History for the opening of Graduate Student Samantha Maloney's Thesis Exhibition. *Face. Off. Faceoff: Mapping African Representations in Western Art Museums* aims to investigate how influential representations of African art objects, cultures, and histories within Western art museums impact contemporary museum audiences.

Pencil in that date and stay tuned for details. Once again, this presents an opportunity for a lunch stop after seeing the gallery.

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Do you miss having a church pictorial directory? In addition to being a valuable aid for church members, a pictorial directory is an especially vital resource for those who have recently joined NSCC and are confronted with scores of unfamiliar faces and names. The foundation for a pictorial directory is already in place: the online NSCC directory (which has recently been linked



to our fabulous new church website <http://nscchurchwi.org/>). For many, uploading a digital family picture to their profile on the online directory will be a breeze. (If that's you.....please take a few minutes to do so.) Plans are underway to offer detailed information and/or assistance to those who need help. If you would like to work on a committee to facilitate church-wide participation in adding the faces to our online church directory, please contact Melissa Block (414-351-3069 or bblock1@wi.rr.com).



Don't forget to adjust your clocks by moving an hour forward on Sunday, **March 10.**

SAVE THE DATE

Looking Ahead – Mark your calendars for our Holy Week worship services in April.

- ❖ Sunday, **April 14: Palm Sunday** chapel worship at 8am and full service with Chancel Choir, Bell Choir and Children's Choir at 10am. Our annual Eggstravaganza brunch and fellowship will follow the 10am service.
- ❖ Thursday, **April 18: Maundy Thursday** dinner and worship with communion in Fellowship Hall at 6pm.
- ❖ Friday, **April 19: Good Friday** worship at 2pm.
- ❖ Sunday, **April 21: Resurrection worship** with Chancel Choir and brass at 9am and 11am.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOCUS

- ♦ **March 3** - God hears our prayers (Luke, Chapter 1, Zechariah's prayer)
- ♦ **March 10** - Jesus heals a young boy. Amazing! (John 4:43-54)
- ♦ **March 17** - Jesus teaches us to live differently (Matthew 5-7 Sermon on the Mount)
- ♦ **March 24** - Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10: 1-16)
- ♦ **March 31** - Jesus includes everyone, so should we (Luke 14 Parable of a feast)



MARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Can you come to Friendship Lounge (the donut room) from **9 - 10 am, March 3**, and help us **make bag lunches** for daytime homeless shelter? Bag pretzels or cookies or carrots, make PB&J sandwiches.



Sunday, March 24, all ages, come to **Ozaukee Skateland** from 1-3:30 and have fun with your church family.

KidsConnect for fun with friends! We will meet **March 10** from 4-5:30pm. For grades 3-5.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR We practice in the large room class from 9-9:50 and will sing March 10...won't want to miss this one!

PJ DAY, March 17 - Congratulations on collecting 75 items for Squeaky Clean! Way to go! Come to church in your pjs and don't forget slippers and a stuffie. All the adults will wish they wore their jammies too.



Save the Date!

Sunday, April 14 - Palm Sunday is a fun day at NSCC. We will begin in worship with the Children's Choir singing with the Chancel Choir. After Sunday school and worship, everyone is invited to the **Eggstravaganza brunch** hosted by the Fellowship Committee. I hope you can make it!

HAPPENINGS WITH YOUTH!

In the Middle class (grades 6-8)

- ❖ **March 3** - Youth are invited to remain in worship with your family and share Communion. AND please come if you can at 9 am and help make 75 bag lunches for the daytime homeless shelter, *Repairers of the Breach* in **Friendship Lounge**
- ❖ **March 10** - Class will meet upstairs at 10:15 (after the Children's Message) for donuts and conversation about what does "peace" mean? After worship there will be a canvas up where everyone can put up thoughts about "what is peace?" and "What am I going to do about it?"
- ❖ **March 17** - Meet in the church kitchen. We will be making huge casseroles to send and serve at the St. Ben's Loaves and Fishes meal on Tuesday, March 19. Stay after worship to make crosses to send with our Hosanna Mission team in June.
- ❖ **March 24 and 31** - come upstairs after the Children's Message for more donuts and discussion: Mercy and Hope. March 31, right after worship, we will be "passing on" God's hope making items for "Project Angel Hugs" - Easter packages to kids with cancer.

YouthConnect (grade 6-12)

- ❖ **March 19** - let's serve together at St. Ben's Loaves and Fishes meal. Serve the meal from 5 – 6:30 pm (Or ride with Rev. Julie from church at 4 pm). *In the Middle class is making casseroles on Sunday March 17- you are invited to help!
- ❖ **March 17** - we will make available wood crosses to decorate to send with the Hosanna Mission team in June. Each year we have sent the team with cross pins to give to the people they encounter as they repair and build homes in Pennsylvania. You can personalize your connection and prayers for the team and those they work with.
- ❖ Meet with friends and family at **Ozaukee Skateland March 24 1-3:30.**
- ❖ **March 31** - stay after worship to make items for Easter packages being sent through "Project Angel Hugs" for kids with cancer. We'll be stuffing plastic eggs with candy, making playdough and friendship bracelets. This would be a great Sunday to invite some friends to church as we can use all the help we can get. "Project Angel Hugs" sends boxes to 250 children!



Musicals our youth are in:

- ☺ **Mama Mia!** March 3-9, 7 pm and March 10, 2 pm at Nicolet High School (Look for Haley and Olivia Krueger)
- ☺ **Shrek:** March 15, 7 pm and March 16, 3 pm & 7pm or March 16, 2 pm at Maple Dale Gym (Look for Riley Kruger and Morgan Pilling)
- ☺ **Once Upon a Parable:** April 6, 7 pm right here in our Sanctuary! (Look for Becca and Jay Hall)



March 4 is the next **Agape Table** with our college students near the University of Milwaukee/Marquette University/MATC. Rev.'s Rob Fredrickson and Julie Smith meet on campus - for dinner and conversation with students, keeping and growing a connection with these young adults of our churches. If you have questions, or know of a student on or near UW Madison or Milwaukee let Rev. Julie know- we notify the group when we are coming. What college person doesn't appreciate a free meal! **April 1 we will be hosting Agape table in Madison.**

SAVE THE DATE!

**Wisconsin Congregational Association
Smart Church Summit and Annual meeting. May 3-4.**



SmartChurch

- **Friday evening** *Practical Principles for Christian Leadership* led by Adrie Groeneweg, founder and CEO of Pizza Ranch. The evening will conclude with fellowship and a concert.
- **Saturday**
 - ◆ 8:30am Delegate Business meeting followed by topics for everyone:
 - ◆ 10:00 Summit 2018 Highlights 2018
 - ◆ 10:30 *Inspiring Biblical Generosity* led by Angela Smith
 - ◆ 12:00 Lunch catered by Pizza Ranch
 - ◆ 1:00 *Smart Church/Safe Church* led by Chris DeMotto
 - ◆ 3:00 Closing Worship

These topics will be of interest to all church members, so we look forward to engaging many of you in the conversation! Find a flyer below the bulletin board or go to

www.wiscongregational.net or the calendar and news page at www.NSCChurchWI.org.

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